JOHN M. CRATTY
117 PALISADE ROAD
ELIZABETH, N. J.

October 2,1928.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
First Presbyterian Church,
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The members of our Committee were greatly pleased to learn that you had agreed to spend a Sabbath with us,preaching morning and evening,and looking over our work and the field. We have considered the matter very carefully and feel that the better plan is to have you in our own church rather than in one nearby. We desire to give you every opportunity to meet our people and see the work being done,also to get a vision of the possibilities and the challenge we believe our church offers.

Since you named October 28 and November 4 as possible dates,we have selected the earlier day as most agreeable to us,and sincerely hope that nothing may develop to hinder you from being with us at that time. I hope the Princeton schedule will provide a good foot-ball game the Saturday before.

It was a real pleasure to meet you and the privilege of the interview was deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Cratty

October 5th,1928.

Mr.John M.Cratty,
117 Palisade Road,
Elizabeth,N.J.

My dear Mr.Cratty:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 2nd. I hope to be able to come to you on October 28th as you suggested. I shall be very glad to preach in your church.

It was a great pleasure indeed to me to see you last Sunday and have the good talk which we had together. I was also glad to have you look over our church here. We think much of it,and I feel that now we are in shape to do an even larger work than we have ever done before.

I have been compelled to go over pretty much all of our church history in the last few days preparing the data for the newspaper,and I have been more and more impressed with the way in which God leads the church through a hundred years of its life. Each one of the dozen or so Pastors who have been here seemed to have made some special contribution and been an effective instrument in some particular regard. It makes you feel very profoundly that in the work of the Kingdom one plants and another waters and God gives the increase. No church ever belonged to any one man or to any one group. Many have labored and we enter into their labors.

I am looking forward with keen pleasure to the opportunity of preaching to your people on the 28th of October as you suggest. I may try to run down to Princeton but that is a very secondary matter and I spoke of it more in jest then anything else.

With very kindest regards,I am,

Yours sincerely ,

October 10th,1928.

The Reverend John W.Bowman,M.A.,
The North India United Theological College,
Saharanpur,U.P.,India.

My dear John:

Your fine letters and the other printed matter which has come from you has all been fascinating and deeply appreciated here. We use Miss Douglas as our official correspondent and I am afraid I let her write some of my news to you from time to time. We have been awfully busy here during the weeks of this Fall getting under way in our new addition which is now completed and in use. Already it is overflowing with boys and girls. We had four hundred and eighty-five at Sunday School Sunday and every prospect of its getting larger every week. We are running now on the departmental system,our young people have a suite of rooms to themselves with the chapel as their assembly place,the Junior-Intermediate Department have another collection of rooms while the little folks Beginners and Primary are suitably placed in their quarters.

I am tremendously happy over your great success in the work there in India. We have a fine place now to display pictures,hangings or any sort of thing that would be of interest and if you can pick up any interesting things over there remembering you have already given us some very interesting specimens we would be happy to have them. If they cost any considerably amount let us know and we will pay for them.

We should like to have a good photograph of yourself either large enough or so that it could be enlarged to about 5 by 8 to hang somewhere in our quarters. If a photographer here in the United States has a plate please let us know who he is and where located so we can reach him. This we want to do of course without any expense to you.

Stanley Jones is speaking in Buffalo in the early part of November. I presume a good many of us will go up

to hear him. They are having a big missionary conference there with Robert Spear,Stanley Jones and all the rest of the high lights of World Missions.

You and your family are remembered every week in our public prayers at the church services on Sunday. We want you to know that we are all behind you,and are anxious to hear every bit of word,personal news or anything that you can send along to us. Please give our very kindest personal regards to your wife,love to the youngsters and our very best to yourself.

Yours sincerely,

October 11th,1928.

The Reverend W.Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Delhi,N.Y.

My dear Father:

We had a great time here Tuesday night at our Reception as we opened the new Sunday School building for work. About two thousand people came in and thoroughly enjoyed looking it over. We were mighty sorry not to have you and Mother with us. A good many people spoke about it and asked after you. Dr.Anthony Evans was up from New York and Dr.Albert Evans and his wife were over here. I hope you folks are planning to come along here for a visit before a great while. I expect to go down to Elizabeth,N.J.over the week-end of the 28th of October but otherwise we will be here.

I am sending you a copy of a special edition of the paper which tells most everything about the church,school and minister. If you want me to send these to any special friends of yours and will let me have the names and address I will be very glad to do so.

All the family are in fine shape. We all send lots of love to you both.

Yours as usual,

October 15th,1928.

The Reverend W.C.Robinson,D.D.,
Delhi,N.Y.

My dear Father:

We had a very busy day here yesterday with Mr.E.C.Mercer speaking morning and evening to good audiences and giving a most interesting message. In the afternoon Clinton N.Howard of Rochester made an address on temperance which was certainly one of the finest things I have ever heard. He spoke for more than two hours without stopping and everybody listened to him attentively right up to the end.

Everybody at our house is well and we all send lots of love.

Yours,

October 15th,1928.

Mr.& Mrs.Henry F.Oppe,
1686 Magnolia Drive,
Cleveland,O.

Dear Friends:

We were amazed,delighted,surprised,and highly honored to receive the charming invitation to be present at the marriage of Sarah. It does not seem possible that she should be getting married,but counting up the years we realize that it is both highly probable and most natural that such a charming little girl as she was when we knew her,should have come to the time when some fine man persuaded her that she ought to marry him.

We are very sorry that our rather numerous little family of children plus the duties of the church will prevent our accepting your kind invitation.

We often speak of the kindness of your family to us when we were in Cleveland and remember you and many other friends there with the greatest affection.

Please give Sarah our very best love and accept our most affectionate regard for each and every member of the family.

Most cordially yours,

JOHN M. CRATTY
117 PALISADE ROAD
ELIZABETH, N. J.

October 19,1928.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
50 Spruce Street,
Lockport, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Lockport paper carrying the accounts of your church and work. One can well be proud of being the pastor of such a church and the leader in so large and important a work.

We are looking forward to your being with us over the 28th. I presume you will arrive in the city Saturday evening and we hope you will arrange to remain through Monday. We hope to have a large representation of our young people at the Sunday evening service,as well as give you an opportunity to meet them in their special group services.

Please advise me as to the time of your arrival.

Very sincerely,

John M. Cratty

DENTON MASSEY
915 KING STREET WEST
TORONTO

October
Twenty-second,
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Dear Stewart:

You may yip all you like to me about publicity, but when it comes to corralling about ten pages in the daily paper, I hand you the palm. The best I have ever been able to do has been a single page, and that in a weekly magazine. Great stuff! I am sure it will have a very beneficial effect. You know, I am a great believer in that sort of thing. If a person has something worth while, why should he not thunder it from the house tops? There are so few worth while things to thunder. Also, I liked the way it was written up. The person who did it certainly had a sense of proportion and portrayed your work very well. Thanks so much for sending me the paper.

That for the present. Miss Peter, I understand, has a date and is raring to go.

As ever,

Denton

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
50 Spruce St.,
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

October 22nd,1928.

Mr.John M.Cratty,
117 Palisade Road,
Elizabeth,N.J.

My dear Mr.Cratty:

Thank you for your kind letter. I expect to get into Elizabeth on Saturday evening sometime. I am planning now to go down to Princeton to see the Cornell game Saturday afternoon and will probably come up to Elizabeth on one of the special trains.

I hope you will not trouble to try to have me entertained in a private home. Just let me go to some nearby hotel for the night. If possible I will try to stay over at least a part of Monday. I imagine the best thing I can do is to give you a ring on the telephone when I get into Elizabeth. If you can write me the name of a good hotel I will go there as you may suggest.

Anticipating with much pleasure my week-end with you good people,I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

October 25th,1928.

Mr.Denton Massey,
915 King Street West,
Toronto,Ont.

My dear Denton:

If I get the prize for long distance in advertising and quantity,you certainly get the brown derby for quality and style. I never did see anything quite so fine as the card you sent over to me. I carry them around with great glee looking for Burt Rogers only to find that he also had a set. I am only sorry we both can't come over to sit in with you. We can at least listen-in and I hope I shall have the opportunity.

But honestly that was great. Where do you get the cuts made,and how do you get it all done?

Everything is going along here most prosperously and happily. Everyone is well and we all want to send over the border to you good friends our very best. Please remember me to Miss Peter. I am very glad to know that she has a date. I am not surprised.

Yours as ever,

October 25th,1928.

The Reverend Donald C.Barnhouse,
Tenth Presbyterian Church,
Philadelphia,Penna.

My dear Don:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. I was interested to read the enclosure. I have heard of the broadcasting and certainly congratulate you upon this marvelous opportunity which you have to preach the gospel all over the country. For three years we had the radio every Sunday here in our church and it was a very great agent for good. In fact,we used one of the stations which is in your Columbia hookup now.

You are doing a wonderful work down there,people from all quarters tell me. Father spoke of you and was delighted to have the visit with you which he had. I remember one Sunday I preached at the Tenth Church when it was certainly a very dead piece of proposition. Perhaps I did not do very much to waken it up,I don't know about that. I have forgotten when it was,some summer or sometime when they were at loose ends and so was I.

With all good wishes to any of my friends who may be willing to receive them,I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,